

ARRA - Department of Health Immunization Grant Program

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Section 317 (Immunization Grant Program) provides funding for immunization processes and infrastructure necessary to establish an all-inclusive immunization program for all levels from federal to local. Total funding allocated for this program for all states is \$300 million.

The majority of the funds allocated to this program (\$250 million) will be used to assist existing grantees obtain vaccines. Additionally, monies will be used to provide program operation grants which will assist with distribution of the vaccines and strengthen the overall program coordination.

\$18 million of the grant dollars will be used to provide support to Section 317 grantees that display innovative approaches to increase the distribution of childhood vaccine series, zoster vaccine, and influenza vaccine, and for improving reimbursement practices.

\$32 million in Recovery Act funds will be used to:

- increase information, communication and education,
- strengthen the evidence base for immunization,
- increase national public awareness,
- enhance knowledge about the benefits and risks of vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases,
- provide tools and education for health care providers and;
- Monitor and assess the impact and safety of licensed vaccines routinely recommended for use in the United States to ensure that national vaccine policy is appropriate and effective.

Applications to apply for these grants will be made available on grants.gov.

Wyoming is expected to receive \$409,026.

<http://transparency.cit.nih.gov/RecoveryGrants/grant.cfm?grant=vaccines>

Predicted spending in Wyoming is as follows:

- Majority to be used on vaccines to be administered to under/un-insured adults (at least 75%),
- A small portion will be utilized to contract or hire a temporary employee who will assist in the processes and support for the immunization registry and additional vaccines;
- A minimal amount will be used towards infrastructure for educational materials.
- The primary goal is to focus the program dollars directly into vaccines for Wyoming citizens.
- Wyoming does not anticipate applying for funding which is a demonstration project by nature due to the inability to sustain at a later point.